

in Kosovo, has not been resolved. In addition, Executive Order 13219 was amended by Executive Order 13304 of May 28, 2003, to take additional steps with respect to acts obstructing implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement of 2001 relating to Macedonia.

The acts of extremist violence and obstructionist activity outlined in these Executive Orders are hostile to United States interests and continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 22, 2018.

IMMIGRATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. HANDEL). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from California (Mr. TED LIEU) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, if the Statue of Liberty could cry, she would be crying today. As I stand here, there are 2,300 babies and kids who were ripped away from their parents by our government and are in detention facilities across America.

America was a country founded by people fleeing persecution. We are a land of immigrants. President Ronald Reagan called us "that shining city upon the hill."

Unfortunately, Donald Trump and Homeland Security Secretary Nielsen have perverted that grand legacy and have now engaged in the functional equivalent of kidnapping.

You can believe in any God or no God at all and conclude that ripping kids away from their parents is immoral. I believe in Jesus Christ. Every single thing in the Gospels and what Christ taught goes against the policy of family separation.

Imagine being a mother and father and losing your child to the government and not knowing if you are ever going to see your child again, the horror of that.

Imagine being a child; when you are young, your parents are likely the most important people in your life. Imagine being ripped away from your mother or father and not knowing if you are ever going to see them again, and then being placed in a detention facility with strangers. Imagine the horror and fear you will see doing that. What must that sound like?

(Audio being played.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. TED LIEU of California. For what reason, Madam Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is in breach of decorum.

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Cite the rule, Madam Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Rule XVII of the rules of the House prohibits—

Mr. TED LIEU of California. There is no rule that says I can't play sounds.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Why are you trying to prevent the American people from listening to what it sounds like in a detention facility?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Rule XVII of the rules of the House prohibits the use of that device.

Mr. TED LIEU of California. These are babies and kids in a detention facility. Why do you not let the American people hear what they are saying?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. TED LIEU of California. There is no rule in the House that says I cannot play sounds from a detention facility.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend the use of the device. It is in violation of rule XVII.

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Read the rule. It does not say I cannot play sounds from a detention facility.

Why are we hiding this from the American people?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Rule XVII prohibits the use of an electronic device to produce sound in the Chamber.

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Why are we hiding it from the American people?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Why are we hiding it from the American people?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend, per rule XVII of the rules of the House.

Mr. TED LIEU of California. We have 2,300 babies and kids—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend. Per rule XVII of the rules of the House, that prohibits the use of a device to produce sound in the Chamber.

Mr. TED LIEU of California. We have 2,300 babies and kids in detention facilities who were ripped away from their parents. I think the American people need to hear this.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend per rule XVII of the rules of the House.

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I think the American people need to hear this ProPublica tape of a detention facility of babies and children who were ripped away from their parents.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Sergeant at Arms will enforce the rules of decorum.

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. PAYNE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for June 21 and today on account of medical care.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday next for morning-hour debate.

There was no objection.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, June 25, 2018, at noon for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5263. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Commerce, transmitting a report of a series of violations of the Antideficiency Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; Public Law 97-258; (96 Stat. 926); to the Committee on Appropriations.

5264. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; KY; Fine Particulate Matter and Ozone NAAQS Revisions [EPA-R04-OAR-2017-0550; FRL-9977-93-Region 4] received June 21, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5265. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Extension of Deadline for Action on the Section 126(b) Petition From New York [EPA-HQ-OAR-2018-0170; FRL-9977-90-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AU02) received June 21, 2018, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5266. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5267. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to serious human rights abuse or corruption that was declared in Executive Order 13818 of December 20, 2017, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5268. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting a report to Congress stating that HUD has not conducted any competitions during FY 2017, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 501 note; Public Law 108-199, Sec. 647(b); (118 Stat. 361); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5269. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's FY 2017 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.